



Mary Frances Nantz

May 26, 1928 - November 26, 2021

Mary Frances Dwyer Nantz passed away peacefully on November 26, 2021. She was born in Derita, NC on May 26, 1928 to the late Charles O. and Annie Stinson Dwyer. Mary made Mooresville her home when she married Dick, in June 1947.

As members of the greatest generation, she and Dick built a life based on hard work, perseverance, and responsibility to, and love for family. She held many roles in her long life. Her first job was driving a school bus in high school. Although she "took out" a mailbox or two, she managed to continue the job until she graduated from Derita High School.

As a young bride, she was one of the earliest commuters and "ride share" folks from Mooresville to downtown Charlotte, where she held a position at Duke Power (Duke Energy). For a period of time she worked in the "towel room" with her mother-in-law, Rena at Burlington Mills.

When her two children became school students, she assisted her husband and her father-in-law Morrison, in the family business, Nantz Motor Company. Mary was a loving and dedicated wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She excelled in cooking, as many have enjoyed firsthand. Feeding people and animals delighted her, even if it was just a piece of candy from her UNC Tarheels container.

We rejoice for her life and being a part of it.

She is survived by her daughter, Debbie (Bruce) Lanier; grandchildren, Wes and Lynnsey; sister, Kay Cooke; sisters-in-love, Lib Lowe (Bobby), Arzelle

Dwyer, Joyce Simpson; special friends, Doug and Patti Nantz; many nephews and nieces who enriched her life also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; her beloved son, Alec; brothers, Earl, Charles O. Jr., Paul Frank and Ray.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Thursday, December 2, 2021 at Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home with Tommy Bowles officiating. Burial will follow the service at Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 1:00- 2:00 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Broad Street United Methodist Church 355 S. Broad Street, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Nantz family.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory
494 East Plaza Drive
Hwy 150
Mooresville, NC 28115

Graveside Service

DEC 2. 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM.

Glenwood Memorial Park

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Debbie,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of you
sweet Momma. I never saw her without a
smile of her face. You were blessed to have
such a wonderful Mom for so long. I am sorry
I did not make it to her service, I have been out of town and did not
even look at the computer until this evening. I will keep you and
your family in my prayers.
Much Love,
Nina Newton Wall



Nina N. Wall - December 02, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear that Mrs. Nantz had passed away. I have
many fond memories of her. One of my fondest memories is eating
her homemade fried chicken that Alec would bring to the races.

Jeff Rinehardt

Debbie Rinehardt - December 01, 2021 at 06:48 PM

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“ *A beautiful smile always, a beautiful attitude, a graceful reach for a hug from a friend, a heartful of love for everyone in her life. That was Mary Nantz. (Proverbs 31:10).*

Patti and I were blessed seeing Mary one more time before she went to be with our Lord.

There she was, smiling and alert, talking and laughing. A wonderful visit it was.

Debbie, you and Bruce were the best caregivers that your Mother could ever have had.

Our hearts go out to all of you with our love and prayers.

We'll see you again sweet Mary.

Patti and Doug

Doug Nantz - November 30, 2021 at 08:54 PM

TN

“ *Fine family and I am praying for family and friends.*

Tom Nixon - November 30, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Nantz.*



November 30, 2021 at 11:26 AM

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“ *Ed and Phyllis Livengood purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Frances Nantz.*



Ed and Phyllis Livengood - November 30, 2021 at 09:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Nantz.*



November 29, 2021 at 09:37 PM

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“ *So many, many great memories of Mary (Mom). Our two families always had great time together going on trips together to the beach (Cherry Grove) and in the mountains. Mary kept me while my Mom and Dad worked before I started school. After I started school she would help to get me to school. Her love and support never wavered in any way. Even though I was not family, they always welcomed me and I am forever grateful. She did a lot for me, so much I could never repay. She was a grand and dignified lady. She will be greatly missed. I am blessed to have played a small part in her life. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family that was always so very good to me. Gary Dancy*

Gary W Dancy - November 29, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Mary Frances Nantz*.



November 29, 2021 at 01:03 PM